

Aboriginal Education Cultural Resources

Aboriginal Education provides schools with a wide variety of Aboriginal Resources from picture books; novels; lesson plans; history books; ethnobotany and science units; DVD's, and numerous kits to support classroom learning.

There are Aboriginal content resources available from early learning to secondary level to match the 'new' curriculum.

Aboriginal Education Role Models

The Aboriginal Education Department staff assist schools in coordinating Coast Salish, Nuu-chan-nulth, First Nations, Métis and Aboriginal Role Models for classroom sessions that support curriculum and local history and culture.

- Each school has a 'Role Model' binder
- New 'Pit Cook' series.

- New CENENITEL Aboriginal Awareness Series - Elementary
- 'MetoWe' Sacred Circle - Middle
- Métis Nation Greater Victoria Elementary & Secondary series
- Elder Language Programs — Elementary

Aboriginal Education Newsletter

The Aboriginal Education Department circulates seasonal newsletters updating families on department and school news. The newsletter features examples of students' artwork, creative writing, and much more.

Aboriginal Education Parent Consent

***Sign and return to the school.**

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Add your child's or children's name

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Parent / Guardian Signature:

**Yes, I have read and would like services
for my child and/or children.**

Parents and/or Guardians:

If you do **NOT** wish for your child to be involved in any of the Aboriginal programs listed in this brochure, we will require a written letter from you requesting that your child/children not be involved. Please forward the letter to your school office.

Contact School Principal for further information or
contact Kathleen King-Hunt, District Principal,
Aboriginal Education at: 250-474-9879.



**Aboriginal Education
Sooke School District #62
Parent Consent Letter 2014/15**

To Parents and/or Guardians:

Sooke School District #62 Aboriginal Education Department provides a variety of services to enhance Aboriginal Student classroom learning. These services and funding are provided by the Ministry of Education and School District level to enhance learning academically and culturally in schools.

The School Registration Form self identifies Aboriginal Ancestry and provides opportunity for Aboriginal Education Services. This form explains many of the services available to Aboriginal Students.

Aboriginal Education District Events



Na'tsa'maht, Camosun College

The Aboriginal Department hosts three district level events to connect schools and Aboriginal families:

Family Fall Gathering

Date: T.B.A.

Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: To Be Announced

Celebrating Student Success

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: To Be Announced

Recognition Grad Ceremony

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2015

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00 pm

Location: Camosun College, Na'tsa'maht

Aboriginal Education Academic & Cultural Support

All schools have an Aboriginal Education Support Worker assisting students directly in the classroom, providing academic support and / or cultural opportunities. All services are provided directly in classrooms.

Aboriginal Education Literacy & Cultural Support Teachers

Some schools receive cultural and academic instruction by an itinerant teacher in the area of literacy and connecting Aboriginal content to classroom learning. All services are provided directly in classrooms.



Grad rose bouquet

Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement

The following goals were developed to assist schools to raise the profile of Aboriginal Education for all students.

Goals

Sense of Belonging To increase Aboriginal students' sense of place, belonging and caring.

Aboriginal Ways of Knowing To increase awareness and understanding of Aboriginal ways of knowing in both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

Language To increase knowledge of Aboriginal languages by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

Achievement To enhance the achievement and success of Aboriginal students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in academics as well as training for trades and life skills.

SD No. 62 has completed Year Five of the Aboriginal Education Agreement. The new Agreement will create new goals by input.